

**VEHICLE MERGER AMENDMENTS**

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Brady Brammer**

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**LONG TITLE****General Description:**

This bill modifies traffic code provisions relating to vehicle merging.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- requires an operator of a vehicle to use the zipper method when two traffic lanes merge into one traffic lane.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**41-6a-903.1**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*Section 1. Section **41-6a-903.1** is enacted to read:**41-6a-903.1. Right-of-way -- Zipper merge.****(1) As used in this section:****(a) "Merge point" means the point at which two traffic lanes merge into one traffic lane.**

- 28            (b) "Zipper method" means a method of merging vehicles at a merge point that  
29 involves the operators of the merging vehicles:
- 30            (i) using both lanes of traffic until the vehicles reach the merge point; and  
31            (ii) once the vehicles reach the merge point, alternating yielding the right-of-way into  
32 the single traffic lane, beginning with the right-most vehicle.
- 33            (2) An operator of a vehicle shall use the zipper method when merging at a merge  
34 point.
- 35            (3) A violation of this section is an infraction.